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FOR AMB SCHAUFLE FROM WISNER

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: CLOSING THE FIRST ROUND IN GENEVA

1. IVOR RICHARD SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO EACH OF
THE DELEGATIONS ON DEC 14.

2. BEGIN TEXT

MR M MALIANGA

WHEN WE LAST MET I DESCRIBED THE POSITION WHICH WE HAD
REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE AND I GAVE YOU A GENERAL IDEA OF
HOW WE INTENDED TO PROCEED IN THE LIGHT OF MY DISCUSSIONS
LAST WEEKEND WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

I AM NOW WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CONFERENCE IS IN
RECESS AS FROM TODAY AND WILL RESUME ON 17 JANUARY. MR CROSLAND
WILL ANNOUNCE THIS THIS AFTERNOON IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND I
SHALL ARRANGE FOR A COPY OF HIS STATEMENT TO BE SENT TO YOU LATER
TODAY. SHORTLY AFTER CHRISTMAN I INTEND TO LEAVE FOR SOUTHERN
AFRICA FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL DELEGATIONS TO THIS CONFERENCE
AND WITH OTHERS CONCERNED. IN THE COURSE OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS
I INTEND TO SEEK A BASIS FOR AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE THIS
CONFERENCE, WHEN IT RESUMES, TO COMPLETE ITS WORK RAPIDLY. I
SHALL BE DEVELOPING OUR POSITIVE IDEAS FOR A SETTLEMENT AND
EXPLAINING THE DIRECT ROLE WHICH BRITAIN WOULD BE READY TO PLAY

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IN THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO MEETING

YOUR DELEGATION FOR A FRUITFUL DISCUSSION OF OUR IDEAS IN THE
COURSE OF MY VISIT TO AFRICA.

I AM WRITING IN SIMILAR TERMS TO THE LEADERS OF THE OTHER
DELEGATIONS AND I SHALL ARRANGE FOR THE TEXT OF THIS LETTER TO BE
CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE. IFOR RICHARD
END TEXT

3. RICHARD LUNCED ON DEC 14 WITH PARTRIDGE AND GAYLARD
AND DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS THE QUESTION OF A BRITISH
PRESENCE. PARTRIDGE WAS CATEGORIC IN HIS REJECTION
OF A SUBSTANTIVE BRITISH ROLE IN RHODESIA DURING TRANSITION.
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